

Eutaw
Near Eutaw Springs
Orangeburg County
South Carolina

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Historical Data:

The Sinklers of old Santee, who had been indigo planters, came into Upper St. John's after the Revolution and established themselves at Belvidere, where they were among the pioneers of cotton planting. Wm. Sinkler, a son of the family at Belvidere, in 1808 built Eutaw across the creek of that name and established there a branch of the family which still holds the property.

The interesting little building in the yard at Eutaw, known as the Lodge, was originally designed to be the office of a doctor-planter member of the Sinkler family.

The Sinklers were always keen horsemen, and Eutaw was famous for its stud.

Bibliography: S. G. Stoney: Plantations of the Carolina
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Owner: Santee-Cooper Hydroelectric and Navigation ProjectDate of erection: 1808Present condition: Fair; in danger of inundationDescription:

Frame; story and a half; high basement; gable roof.

Plan: Pair of equal drawing rooms in the front with an intercommunicating door, and a door to the porch from each. These rooms have a pair of windows on each outside wall and a fireplace in the rear wall, with a door to the hall at one side. This rear hall has a stair against one wall and a pair of closets facing it. At the rear are the doors to the flanking rooms. On both sides are one-room wings, dating from 1820 and 1838. A wide porch surrounds the house.

Eutaw is in many ways the alpha and omega of the architecture of the region. It betrays traditional features such as the asymmetric plan and the utilization of the roof space for bedrooms, with dormer windows. On the other hand, with its low spreading roof and broad piazzas on open arcades it approaches the perfection of the later Carolina-Caribbean type of which Dean Hall in lower Berkeley is the exemplar. At present Eutaw has a dilapidated air, but painted and with blinds on the dormer windows it would regain its original beauty.

The raising of the piazzas on an open arcade is unique in the upper county, as is the porch on three sides of the house. The columns, however, are almost typical, being slender, turned members of a Doric type, made out of solid cypress. The porch eaves are moulded in the form of a simple cornice. The house itself is covered with cypress weatherboarding which extends up the gable ends, the verge boards of which are unmoulded. The dormers also are covered in the simplest manner, the cheeks being of flush boarding as are the gable spandrels, and the window trim is unmoulded. Other than the dormers, the windows have paneled shutters. The ornament is concentrated on the doorway, which has reeded pilasters with a dentiled cornice above. The interior possesses woodwork that is simple compared to the other houses of the group, but dignified and satisfying. The overmantel of the drawing room is treated with three arched head panels. The mantel, probably brought from elsewhere, has

slender reeded pilasters with fans carved in the frieze blocks and dentiled and carved cornices. The dado and doors are paneled, with a supplementary applied panel mould, the doors having glazed transoms, lighting the hall.

--From "A Survey of the Early Buildings in the Region of the Proposed Santee and Pinopolis Reservoirs in South Carolina," by Thomas T. Waterman

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